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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dean Huntzinger Suit Examiner Western World Insurance Company 400 Parson's Pond Drive Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417-2600

Re: Potential Claim for Environmental Damage in the

Couer d'Alene Basin, Northern Idaho

Insured: Group R Co., Inc.

Policy No.: EUF 00903 (12/15/80 to 12/15/81)

Dear Mr. Huntzinger:

Thank you for your letter of March 17, 1998, in which you acknowledge notice of the above-referenced claim. As you requested in your letter, enclosed is a copy of Western World's policy no. EUF 00903.

You also requested in your letter that we provide you with copies of any and all correspondence received from the underlying carriers to the policy listed above. Please be advised that we have notified all carriers whose policies may be triggered by Group R's claim and of which we have knowledge. We have received some correspondence from some of the carriers that we have notified, but, because this matter is still in its preliminary stages, we have not yet heard from all of the carriers that we have notified. Moreover, we are in the process of determining our client's full insurance profile. Once we do so, we will be in a better position to provide you with the additional information that you have requested.

In the meantime, we will continue to keep you advised as to the progress of this matter. Thank you for your attention and courtesies.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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